

PROCEEDINGS OF SENATE AND HOUSE

Senator McCreary Gets Important
Road Measure Through.

STATE CONSTITUTION REVISION

Pension Bill Affecting All Soldiers and Sailors Passed—House is Anxious to Subsidize Fairs—Tampa Fair Gets the Money—Physicians Exempt.

Tallahassee, June 1.—The Senate yesterday opened with a resolution by Senator Adams to examine into and report on the matter of money received by the State on Indian war claims, which was adopted.

Senator McCreary secured the passage of a resolution requesting the attorney-general to compile all laws relating to roads and bridges and acts amendatory thereto, to be sold at \$1.00 each. This pamphlet will be of great service to county commissioners and all others interested in the maintenance and extension of public roads in the State.

Mr. Blanton's House bill providing for the signing of vouchers of pensioners of the State by either clerks of the circuit courts or notaries public, was unanimously passed.

Senator Sams' bill to amend the Revised Statutes relative to parks, streets, etc., in towns and cities, was passed.

Senator McCreary secured a reconsideration of the vote by which his bill granting a pension to Mrs. Henrietta B. Townsend of Alachua county was lost yesterday, and the bill was passed.

Senator Crane called up the Tampa fair bill. The Senate concurred in the House amendments and the bill will go to the Governor.

Senator Blount introduced a joint resolution to the effect that both branches agree that a revision of the Constitution of the State of Florida is necessary. Mr. Blount called attention to several reasons why such a course was necessary, after which it was unanimously adopted.

The report of the Board of State Institutions was to come up at 4 o'clock and Senator Adams submitted the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved by the Senate, That a committee of five Senators shall be appointed by the president, to whom shall be referred the communication received from the Governor on yesterday, together with the accompanying documents from the Board of State Institutions.

"Resolved further, That said committee shall report to the Senate without delay their findings and recommendation by resolution."

President Trammell named Senators Adams, Haney, Harris, Blount and Baskin on said committee.

The following bills were passed:

To provide for payment by State of actual expenses of circuit judges.

To provide for the appointment of a commission to select and recommend to the next Legislature suitable ground to be acquired as a permanent camp site for the Florida State Troops.

To provide for the repeal of the law relating to agricultural statistics.

Senator McCreary introduced a bill providing for the repeal of the law requiring the publication of acts of the Legislature in newspapers, which, under suspensions of the rules, was passed.

The finance committee submitted a bill providing for the levy of taxes for the years 1905 and 1906. The bill provides a tax of 1-2 mills for each year and a constitutional school tax of 1 mill for each year. Counties are authorized to levy a 5-mill tax, 7 mills or not less than 3 mills for school purposes. Passed.

The bill fixing the pay of Legislators, three bills in one, was passed.

The House bill to pay sheriffs when required to go beyond limits of State, was passed.

Bill to pay Dr. J. L. Horsey \$550 during epidemic of smallpox in Fernandina was passed.

Senator Bailey's pension bill in favor of William Platt, loaded with an amendment by Senator Crews to include all other soldiers or sailors, etc., was passed.

Mr. Watson's bill providing for a study of State forest conditions by the agricultural experiment station of the University of Florida, in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture, was passed. This bill carries an appropriation of \$1,000.

The House bill to provide for taking a census of the State in 1905 was, after some debate, passed. This bill carries an appropriation of \$30,000.

Senate then adjourned.

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In the House.

Tallahassee, June 1.—In the House yesterday Mr. Girardeau introduced a bill to appropriate \$30,000 to aid the State Fair Association in making an agricultural display at the Monticello fair in 1905 and 1906. Rules suspended and bill read second time without reference to committee.

Similar bills were introduced for fairs at half-a-dozen places, which were placed on calendar.

The bill for examination of State banks, as amended Tuesday, was ordered engrossed for third reading.

The Senate bill to appropriate \$15,000 annually for two years to aid the Florida State Midwinter Fair Association, in holding the Tampa fair, was taken up on third reading. After several motions to amend and indefinitely postpone, the bill passed, 37 to 25.

The House concurred in the Senate resolution requesting the attorney-general to compile and have printed the road laws of the State, and the duties of county commissioners in connection therewith.

Senator West's bill against bribery, gaming, etc., and illegal selling of liquors, was passed.

Senator McCreary's bill to authorize Gainesville to issue bonds for educational purposes was passed, 52 to 0.

The Senate bill relative to the collection of revenue was passed.

The bill relating to parks, streets, etc., in cities and towns was read second and third times and passed, 48 to 0.

Mr. Avery's bill to exempt physicians and surgeons from payment of license tax was passed, 48 to 8.

Mr. Harwell's bill to require payment of license by aliens and non-residents taking oysters from natural oyster beds in the State, was passed.

The Senate bill to refund any unused portion of license tax was passed.

The bill providing for the redemption without interest of tax certificates held by the State for unpaid taxes for 1898 and previous years, was passed.

At the night session the Senate resolution looking to the calling of a constitutional convention was indefinitely postponed.

Most of the session was devoted to second reading of bills.

House adjourned.

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Failing to Make Fortune, Suicide.

Brooklyn, June 1.—Wesley Smith, 21 years of age, committed suicide by inhaling gas because of his inability to make \$1,000,000. At the early age of 16 he announced his intention of amassing that sum and of doing it quickly and without any "fooling around," he said. Smith visited different parts of the world in his efforts to amass a fortune, returning to the city of Brooklyn several weeks ago, practically penniless.

Two Negroes Killed in Florida.

Mertel, Fla., June 1.—Will Sullivan shot Henry Williams, his father-in-law, killing him instantly. He then broke down the door of a room and shot his wife three times, leaving her, as he supposed, dead. He then went in search of Bella Adams and Chapel Austin, a mile distant. Austin, seeing him approaching, secured a gun and told him to stop. Sullivan replied one of them had to die. Austin then fired three times at him, each shot taking effect, the last one passing entirely through his head, killing his instantly. All the parties are negroes.

Carolina Seeks Immigrants.

Raleigh, N. C., June 1.—Governor Glenn says he is doing all in his power to bring immigration to North Carolina. He and Senator Simmons will discuss this vital question before the board of agriculture June 5. There is widespread interest in the subject and measure may be put on foot which will be effective in bringing immigration to this state. J. R. Bule, of Washington, press agent of the industrial parliament, called on the governor today. The latter says he will exercise special care in naming the executive committee.

Color Line Drawn in Hawaii.

Honolulu, June 1.—Governor Carter, in a message vetoing portions of the appropriation bill, has called attention to the fact that in a majority of instances the salaries of white employees of the government of the territory were reduced, while the salaries of the Hawaiian employees were increased. The house before the final adjournment of the legislature unanimously passed a resolution regretting that the governor had accused the legislature of drawing the color line and declaring that it had not done so.

Married Him to Save Suicide.

Atlanta, June 1.—Asserting that she married Robert T. Pickrell, then a resident of Atlanta, to prevent him from swallowing laudanum and using a pistol upon himself with suicidal intent and that the said Robert T. Pickrell, her husband, has knocked her down and otherwise treated her brutally since the marriage, Mary E. Pickrell, a resident of Atlanta, asks the court of Fulton county to grant her an absolute divorce from the man to whom she was wedded on August 7, 1901.

Peacemaker Is Killed.

Cedar Keys, Fla., June 1.—In trying to prevent a fight between Sam Miles and Charles Mitchell, George Conyer was shot and killed by Miles, and in turn cut Miles, killing him. Miles was armed with a shotgun, Conyer tried to disarm him. Miles fired at Conyer, the shot entering his breast and penetrating his heart. The two men clinched and fell together. Conyer died on the spot. Miles ran 100 yards and fell dead, his throat cut.

Huge Task.

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease as that of C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach." Guaranteed by all druggists; price 50c.

Beef Trust Inquiry Closed.

Omaha, Neb., June 1.—The United States grand jury, which, for the last three weeks has been investigating the machinations of the alleged beef trust, finished its labors and adjourned after filing 700 large size pages with the information obtained from the 181 witnesses examined. No indictments have been returned, the evidence deduced being sent to Chicago for the assistance of the investigation going on in that city.

Death Dream Comes True.

Parkersburg, W. Va., June 1.—Henry King, aged 70, a veteran of the civil war, died here. Two weeks ago he dreamed three times that he had but two weeks to live and told his family repeatedly that he expected to die May 28. He remained in his usual health until the day previous, when he was taken sick and grew rapidly worse until he died—two weeks to the hour after his first dream.

A HUMAN SALAMANDER.

The Story of Junot of the Ninth and the Emperor Napoleon.

It was a warm corner. Day after day the French soldiers had pushed their batteries nearer and nearer toward the besieged town, and now one could look out from behind the breastworks and plainly see the faces of the Austrian artillerymen as they stuck to their guns with grim determination and sent their shots flying into the French forts.

In one of these little mud constructed forts a small party of French soldiers, under the command of a corporal, were busily engaged in returning the fire of the enemy.

The corporal, a tall, gaunt young fellow of twenty, was directing the work of his men. Often he leaped to the ramparts to note what effect the fire of his guns was producing.

"Truly," said one of the soldiers as the corporal jumped back among them, "thou art a veritable salamander, for thou canst stand fire."

"Who is a salamander?" inquired a gruff voice from the rear of the smoke filled battery.

The soldiers turned and saw standing there a small, pale faced man in a general's uniform.

One of the men pointed toward the corporal.

"It is he, general," he replied.

"A salamander! We will see!" reiterated the officer as he ran his eye over the corporal. "Can you write?" he inquired.

"Yes, my general."

"Follow me, then." Out into the shot swept open the two passed, walking side by side.

"You seem," remarked the general pleasantly, "to be at least a foot taller than I. Kindly walk on this side." And he indicated the side nearest to the enemy. "It will be a great protection to me."

Without a word the corporal took the place.

Just at that moment a shell burst directly over their heads, but did them no harm.

The officer cast a quick glance at his companion. He was not in the least flurried. He did not even quicken his pace.

Presently they reached and entered a battery which was the nearest of all to the Austrian lines. It was filled with dead and wounded soldiers. Only one gun remained standing.

Calmly seating himself on a broken gun cartridge, the general gave the corporal paper and quill and ink and commanded him to write as he began to dictate a letter.

The corporal's hand did not shake. He wrote almost as rapidly as the general spoke.

Suddenly, just as the letter was finished, there was a deafening report, and a huge cannon ball passed close above them and buried itself with a dull thud in the earth beyond. The wind caused by its passage overturned the two, and dust and dirt completely covered them.

The general picked himself up in an instant. Calmly leaping upon the rampart, the corporal waved the finished letter defiantly toward the Austrian lines.

"Thanks, my friends!" he shouted. "You have saved me the trouble of blotting it!"

A look of genuine admiration crept into the eyes of the general.

"What is your name?" he asked harshly.

"Corporal Junot of the Ninth foot, general."

"Say rather 'Captain Junot,' for I cannot afford to let such fellows as you remain corporals." And General Bonaparte—for it was he—clapped the young man on the shoulder.

Eight years later Marshal Junot was decorated with the grand cross of the Legion of Honor by the Emperor Napoleon.—Frank E. Channon in St. Nicholas.

Idea From Nature.

Walking on the outskirts of Bolton one autumn evening, a clever young man became interested in watching the seeds falling from a sycamore tree. He observed that they acquired a rotary motion before reaching the ground, and, inquiring into the cause, he found that the two wings were slightly turned in opposite directions, which caused them to revolve in falling. The idea of making a screw propeller on this principle at once occurred to him.

Galvani, a natural philosopher of Italy, was dissecting a dead frog one day while a pupil was making experiments in electricity by his side. He observed that the muscles of the frog, being exposed, gave signs of motion whenever the nerves came in contact with the scapel. Galvani discovered the existence of a new principle in this phenomenon and originated the fertile branch of physics known by the name of galvanism.

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